1995, in the State of Andhra Pradesh. The adequacy of the Act to curb the trade and sale of human organs may be assessed only if all the States adopt and implement it in right earnest. The Central Government have been repeatedly requesting the remaining State Governments for early adoption of this Act.

पाकिस्तान द्वारा सशस्त्र बलों में वृद्धि

419. प्रो॰ विजय कुमार मल्होत्राः क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे किः

(क) क्या पाकिस्तान ने चालू वर्ष के दौरान अपनी सैन्य शक्ति में भारी वृद्धि की है;

(ख) क्या पाकिस्तान की सैन्य शक्ति में वृद्धि भारत की सुरक्षा के लिये खतरा है; और

(ग) पाकिस्तान से भारत की सुरक्षा को उत्पन्न खतरे का मुकाबला करने के लिये सरकार द्वारा क्या-क्या कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं?

रक्षा मंत्रालय (रक्षा विभाग और रक्षा अनुसंधान तथा विकास विभाग) में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन): (क) सरकार के पास इस आशय की प्राधिकृत रिपोर्टें नहीं मिली हैं जिनसे यह पता लगता हो कि चालू वर्ष के दौरान पाकिस्तान में सशस्त्र सेनाओं के कार्मिकों की संख्या में किसी प्रकार की भारी वृद्धि की गई है। उपलब्ध रिपोर्टों से पता चला है कि वर्ष के दौरान सेना और अर्धसैन्य बलों की संख्या में कुछ वृद्धि की गई है।

(ख) और (ग) भारत की सुरक्षा और अखंडता को प्रभावित करने वाली गतिविधियों पर सतत रूप से नजर रखी जाती है और समुचित रक्षा तैयारी बनाए रखने के लिए सभी संभव उपाय किए जाते हैं ताकि किसी भी खतरे का मुकाबला किया जा सके।

Hostages held in Kashmir

420. SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the editorial comments published in the 'Times of India' dated the 1st September, 1995 and the 'Navbharat Times' dated the 2nd September, 1995 and other press comments on the presence of foreign personnel for the release of four hostages held in Kashmir and if so, what are the facts and the names of countries which have directly or indirectly sent personnel or technical information together with the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is a fact that the abductors have been in constant touch with Pakistan authorities and if so, whether this information has been communicated to the international community

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) Government are aware of the press reports in question. The countries whose nationals were abducted by the militants in J&K in the month of July are UK, USA, Germany and Norway. In keeping with Government's policy of transparency and the concern of these countries over the abduction of their nationals, the Government has maintained close liaison and contact with the diplomatic representatives of these countries and also facilitated them to visit the State in this context. Government also agreed to the presence in India of experts of these countries to enable them to make their own assessment of the situation and advise their missions. In the process Government has welcomed any advice and suggestions that may be given by them.

(b) According to available information the abductors were all foreign nationals mainly from Pakistan. However, it is not possible to indicate specifically that they have been in constant touch with Pakistan authorities. Appeals and